



## STYLE COUNSEL

**Chantelle Znideric**

brings you all the latest fashion news from in and around the county

**W**HAT an incredible year this has been for fashion. We've certainly experienced an eclectic mix of trends – from electrifying neon brights, incredibly feminine florals and tribal patterns to the 1940s secretarial look, Seventies bohemian styling and hints of tartan, to name but a few. But there's even more surprises next year... Fashionistas are in for a real treat!

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### Searching out Surrey's best boutiques



Nicola Stapleton in Oliver Woo tuxedo, £450

OLIVER Woo opened their hugely successful third store in Guildford earlier this year.

The independent bespoke tailor has begun to gain something of a celebrity following by providing 'bespoke' suits for the likes of Elton John's entourage.

I recently discovered, however, that they don't just cater for men – in fact, Andrea and Sean, the husband and wife team behind Oliver Woo, have been inundated with a huge influx of women asking to be fitted for ladies' tuxedos along with evening suits, too.

I love the idea of this level of personalisation; the concept of getting measured and fitted for my very own tuxedo is just brilliant!

Oliver Woo is also introducing further exciting products this season to complement their suits, including

Woo Shoes – their new footwear range – and Weekend Woo, which is a limited edition men's range that includes t-shirts, sweatshirts and cashmere jumpers.

Andrea and Sean are also creating a range of bespoke men's sunglasses, individually designed by the customer, so if you're stuck for an unusual Christmas pressie for your man, I'd recommend taking a look at what's on offer.

• Oliver Woo, 1 Friary Street, Guildford. Tel: 01483 506484

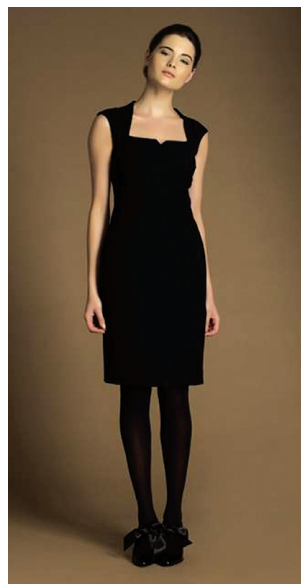
## Surrey's style goddess takes gold

*Surrey Life's* very own Chantelle Znideric has been named Most Inspiring Newcomer at the Federation of Image Consultants (TFIC) Spirit of Inspiration Awards 2008.

Chantelle was recognised for her marketing prowess, which has seen her create one of the UK's leading style and fashion blogs, as well as her innovative online personal stylist service, iStylista.com, which has attracted over 6,000 members in just 12 months.

## >> TOP TREND for... December

A GORGEOUS little black dress is a staple item for the party season. From tailored to voluminous styles, simply match your LBD with killer platforms, heeled ankle or stiletto shoe boots to make a bold statement. Here's three of my favourites...



Lenore Dress, £199, Hobbs Limited Edition, Guildford



Untold asymmetric bow dress, £75, House of Fraser



Black dress, £250, Catwalk, Godalming



## Get in touch...

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